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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

THRU : Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Jurisdiction of TSS and DD/P Materiel Board

1. PROBLEM:

To clearly identify the jurisdiction of TSS and the DD/P Materiel Board.

2. FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM:

- a. Recent requests for logistical action have confronted the Office of Logistics with the problem of determining the existence of a valid requirement for the item and proper authorization therefor.
- b. Overlap of Charters: TSS, DD/P Materiel Board.

3. DISCUSSION:

- a. The Office of Logistics does not determine requirements, however, it has the responsibility to ensure that such a determination has been made by a properly authorized individual or activity prior to initiating logistical action.
- b. The language of the charters of The TSS and The DD/P Materiel Board is such as to encourage interpretation which raises jurisdictional questions. Top level administrative time and effort must be consumed in the process of adjudication.

4. CONCLUSION:

- a. Current regulations and procedures predicate against the determination by the Office of Logistics as to the validity of a logistical requirement.
- b. That current regulations must be rewritten, particularly those delineating the responsibilities of TSS and The DD/P Materiel Board.

5. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Charters of The TSS and DD/P Materiel Board be rewritten clearly identifying authority and responsibility in the area of Research and Development and the initiation of requirements therefor.

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